IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: DOCKING APPARATUS FOR PC

**CARD DEVICES** 

GROUP: 2839

**EXAMINER:** Not Assigned

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Amend the claims as follows:

1.(amended) A carrier for interconnecting a PC card device to a personal computer, comprising: a carrier having a front, and a rear, the front has an opening for receiving at least one PC card, the rear has a plug for removeably interconnecting the carrier with a docking assembly;

a PC card device having adapter circuitry mounted on the carrier and coupled to the plug, the adapter circuitry including at least [one] two PC card slots; and

the PC card slots are offset to enable both card slots to be used simultaneously.

Cancel Claim 2

4. (amended) A carrier as set forth in claim 3 [2], wherein the adapter circuitry includes an IDE interface pin connector and the IDE interface pin connector couples with the plug.